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TAKE-CHARGE MAN: BUNDY

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WASHINGTON.

McGeorge Bundy -- the Harvard dean who advised President Kennedy on foreign affairs--has emerged as the man in charge of transferring the power of the Presidency to Lyndon B. Johnson.

In this period of confusion, shock and change in Washington, Mr. Bundy has taken over the heavy responsibilities of maintaining a functioning government.

He is acting as President Johnson's liaison man between the new and old Administrations. He is serving as the new President's chief adviser on problems of precedence and priority.

In a very real sense he is acting as the business manager of the United States just now.

Mr. Bundy was one of the very first people to be called by Mr. Johnson after he was sworn into office. Mr. Johnson called him while enroute to Washington from Dallas and asked him to meet him at Andrews Air Force Base.

He was given these new duties at that subsequent meeting while the two men rode back into Washington together.

MEN AROUND HIM

Mr. Bundy's chief aid in the administration of this job is Bromley Smith, who is executive secretary of the National Security Council.

Edward Welsh, executive secretary of the National Aeronautics and Space Council, is another aid.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the National Security Council and as such got to know Mr. Bundy and to admire his talents.

The council was one of Mr. Johnson's principal means of keeping himself informed on foreign affairs when he was Vice-President.

In performing this most critical job, Mr. Bundy's chief liaison with Mr. Johnson is Bill D. Moyers, deputy director of the Peace Corps and the new President's closest confidant.

Mr. Moyers is acting as the President's appointment secretary and is rapidly emerging as one of the most influential members--if not the most influential--of the new Administration. "He's the man to see now, not us," said one of the late President Kennedy principal aids yesterday.

Friday night--hours after Mr. Johnson took office--Mr. Bundy relayed to members of the White House staff Mr. Johnson's request that they remain--at least temporarily--on their present assignments.

Some have, others haven't.

As soon as the transition of power is completed, within the next two or three weeks, all will formally submit their resignations to the new President to allow them to form a new White House staff of his own choosing, one high Kennedy White House aid said yesterday.

Special Presidential counsel Theodore C. Sorensen, the man who was perhaps closest to Mr. Kennedy and his office, is still functioning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

He is working hard to present to the new President in memo form, all the unfinished business that Mr. Kennedy left behind.

But he is not playing a part in the formation of the new Administration.

Special Presidential Assistant Kenneth O'Donnell--who carried out for President Kennedy essentially the same functions that Mr. Moyers now is performing for Mr. Johnson--hasn't been back to his desk since it happened. White House sources said yesterday.

Because of his absence, Mr. Bundy now is deciding "what the President should see next" in all fields, foreign and domestic.

Mr. Johnson is considering only the most pressing matters during this period of transition. All executive decisions basically have been suspended until Tuesday, after Mr. Kennedy's funeral.

At that time Mr. Johnson is expected to transfer his center of operations from the second floor of the Executive Office Building into the President's office spaces at the White House.

Yesterday the scene inside the executive office spaces was--on the surface at least--one of almost total confusion.

THE HOLDOVERS

Presidential press secretary Pierre Salinger was operating from his office. But one of his assistants, Malcolm Kilduff--who was acting press secretary in Dallas--is acting as liaison between him and the new President.

Mr. Bundy is still working from his own office inside the White House, but was observed running constantly back and forth across the open street between the White House and the Executive Office Building to confer with the new President.

Eventually everyone here expects President Johnson to build a new staff of his own people. There undoubtedly will be holdovers. But their prestige and authority will be greatly negated.

"We were one-man politicians," one Kennedy aid said yesterday. "And that man's gone."